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My thanks are due for advice and information to Capt. Steedman, U. S. N., of the steamer *Paul Jones*; to Acting Master Moses, U. S. N., of the bark *Fernandina*; to Acting Lieutenant Budd, U. S. N., of the steamer *Polcmaka*, for information and counsel, and especially to Lieut. Commanding Hughes, U. S. N., of the steamer *Mohawk*, for twenty tons of coal, without which we could not have gone up the river.

I may state in conclusion, that I obtained much valuable information, not necessary to make public, in regard to the location of supplies of lumber, rice, resin, turpentine and cotton; and it would afford the officers and men of this regiment great pleasure to be constantly employed in obtaining these supplies for the Government from rebel sources. But they would like still better to be permitted to occupy some advanced post in the interior, with a steamer or two like the *John Adams*, and an adequate supply of ammunition. We could obtain, to a great extent, our own provisions, and rapidly enlarge our numbers, and could have information, in advance, of any movement against us. A chain of such posts would completely alter the whole aspect of the war in the seaboard slave States, and would accomplish what no accumulation of Northern regiments can so easily effect.

No officer in this regiment doubts but that the key to the successful prosecution of this war lies in the unlimited employment of black troops. Their superiority lies simply in the fact that they know the country which white troops do not; and moreover that they have peculiarities of temperament, position and motive which belong to them alone. Instead of leaving their homes and families, they are fighting for their homes and families; and they show the resolution and sagacity which a personal purpose gives. It would have been madness to attempt with the bravest white troops what I have accomplished with black ones. Everything even to the piloting of the vessel, and the selection of the proper points for cannonading, was done by my own soldiers. Indeed, the real conductor of the whole expedition up the St. Mary's was Corporal Robert Sutton, of Company G, formerly a slave upon the St. Mary's River—a man of extraordinary qualities, who needs nothing but a knowledge of the alphabet to entitle him to the most signal promotion. In every instance where I followed his advice the predicted results followed, and I never departed from it, however slightly, without having reason for subsequent regret.

I have the honor to be, General, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

T. W. HIGGINSON,

Capt. Commanding 1st S. C. Vol.

**REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY FREIGHT LINE BETWEEN NEW YORK AND PORT ROYAL, S. C.**—The undersigned have established a regular line of packets between New York and Hilton Head, leaving each port twice a month. J. N. FAGAN & JOHN PITTS, Agents, Bay Point, S. C. BIXBY & CO., 56 Greenwich, and 371 Washington Streets, New York. For freight or passage apply on board.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE U. S. TAX COMMISSIONERS for South Carolina are now prepared to receive the taxes on real property in St. Luke's Parish, S. C., at their office in Beaufort, S. C., at any time within sixty days from this date.**

A. D. SMITH,  
W. E. WORDING,  
WM. HENRY BRISBANE, } Commissioners.

Dated at Beaufort, S. C., November 25th, 1862.

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## SALE OF LANDS FOR UNPAID DIRECT TAXES IN INSURRECTIONARY DISTRICTS. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Notice is hereby given that the several Tracts or Lots of Land situated in the State of South Carolina, hereinafter described, have become forfeited to the United States by reason of the non-payment of the direct taxes charged thereon, under the act entitled, "An act to provide increased revenue from imports, to pay interest on the public debt and for other purposes," approved August 5, 1861, and an act entitled, "An act for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts within the United States, and for other purposes," approved June 7, 1862, and that the same will be sold at public auction on the 3d day of March, A. D., 1863, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the Custom House at Port Royal, Hilton Head Island, St. Luke's Parish, Beaufort District and State aforesaid; and that the sale of the same will be continued from day to day until all of said Lots and Tracts of Land are finally disposed of.

The following is a description of said lands forfeited as aforesaid, together with the valuation of the same, and the amount of the quota of said tax and penalty charged upon each of said tracts or lots of land respectively:

**HILTON HEAD Island, St. Luke's Parish Beaufort District, South Carolina.**

No. 1—"THE POINT," including "Bob Island," said to be, or to have been owned by Wm. Elliott, bounded N and N E by Broad River; S E and S by Fish Hall; S W by Seabrook and N W by Skull Creek.

No. 2—"PINE LANDS."—OWNER or OWNERS unknown. Bounded by "The Point," "Fish Hall," "Grass Lawn," "Cherry Hill," "Marshland," "Honey Horn," "Fairfield," "Cotton Hope," and "Seabrook."

No. 3—"FISH HALL."—Said to be or to have been owned by General Drayton. Bounded N E by Broad River, S E by Coggin's Point and Springfield, S W by Grass Lawn, N W and N by "The Point."

No. 4—"COGGINS POINT" and "SPRINGFIELD."—Said to be or to have been owned by Wm. Pope. Bounded N E by Broad River, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S W by Grass Lawn and N W by Fish Hall.

No. 5—"GRASS LAWN."—Said to be or to have been owned by Richard Pope. Bounded N E by Springfield and Fish Hall, N W by Pine Lands, S W by Cherry Hill and the Matthews Land, sometimes called "Number Four," and S E by the Atlantic Ocean.

No. 6—"MATTHEW'S LAND," sometimes called "Number Four," said to be or to have been owned by Frank Pope, bounded N E by Grass Lawn, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S W by Marshland and Chaplin, N W by Cherry Hill.

No. 7—"CHERRY HILL."—Said to be or to have been owned by Mrs. Pope. Bounded N E by Grass Lawn, S E by Matthew's Land, sometimes called Number Four, S W by Marshland and N W by Pine Lands.

No. 8—"MARSHLAND AND CHAPLIN."—Said to be or to have been owned by Jas. Wells. Bounded N E by Cherry Hill and Matthew's Land, sometimes called Number Four, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, N W by Pine Lands and S W by Gardner and Lemington.

No. 9—"GARDNER."—Said to be or to have been owned by Stoney. Bounded N E by Marshland, S E by Broad Creek, S W by Otter Hole, and N W by Honey Horn.

No. 10—"LEMINGTON."—Said to be or to have been owned by Joseph Pope. Bounded N E by Chaplin, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S W by Hill Place and N W by Broad Creek.

No. 11—"HILL PLACE."—Said to be or to have been lands of Sam'l. Lawton. Bounded N E by Lemington, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S W by Brickyard and N W by Broad Creek.

No. 12—"BRICKYARD."—Said to be or to have been lands of Ficklin. Bounded N E by Hill Place, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S W by Possum Point, and N W by Broad Creek.

No. 13—"POSSUM POINT."—Said to be or to

have been lands of Wells. Bounded N E by Brickyard, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S W and S by Point Comfort and N W by Broad Creek.

No. 14—"POINT COMFORT."—Said to be or to have been owned by Wm. Pope and by Baynard. Bounded N E and N by "Possum Point," S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S and S W by Lawton Place and N and N W by Broad Creek.

No. 15—"LAWTON PLACE."—Said to be or to have been lands of Mrs. Lawton. Bounded N and N E by Point Comfort, S E by the Atlantic Ocean, S and S W by Braddock's Point and N W by Broad Creek and Calibogue Sound.

No. 16—"BRADDOCK'S POINT."—Said to be or to have been owned by Baynard, and formerly by John Stoney. Bounded N and N E by Lawton Place, S E and S by the Atlantic Ocean, W and N W by Calibogue Sound.

No. 17—"SPANISH WELLS."—Said to be or to have been Baynard's. Bounded North by a creek called by some "Muddy Creek," letting in East from Mackay's Creek opposite the mouth of May River, Easterly by "Muddy Creek Place," Southerly by Broad Creek, and West by Calibogue Sound, or as sometimes called, "Spanish Wells River."

No. 18—"MUDDY CREEK PLACE."—Said to be or to have been Baynard's. Bounded North by the Creek called by some Muddy Creek, Easterly by Otter Hole, Southerly by Broad Creek and Westerly by "Spanish Wells."

No. 19—"OTTER HOLE."—Said to be or to have been land of Stuart, and formerly of Stoney. Bounded Northerly by "Honey Horn," Easterly by Gardner, Southerly by Broad Creek and Westerly by Muddy Creek Place.

No. 20—"HONEY HORN."—Said to be or to have been Graham's and formerly Stoney's. Bounded Northerly by Jarvis Creek, Fairfield and Pine Lands, N E and Easterly by Seabrook, Pine Lands and Marshland, Southerly by Otter Hole and Gardner, and Westerly by Marshes extending to Mackay's Creek.

No. 21—"JENKIN'S ISLAND." including "Hog Island."—Said to be or to have been Frank Pope's Land. Bounded North by Skull Creek, East by Fairfield, South by Jarvis Creek and West by Mackay's Creek.

No. 22—"FAIRFIELD."—Said to have been the plantation of Dr. George Stoney. Bounded N W by Skull Creek, N E and N by Cotton Hope, Southerly by Honey Horn, Westerly by Jenkin's Island.

No. 23—"COTTON HOPE."—Said to be or to have been Wm. Pope's. Bounded N W by Skull Creek, N E by Seabrook, Southerly and S W by Fairfield.

No. 24—"SEABROOK." including lands formerly owned by Wallace, Talbird, Fyler and Currel. Said to be or to have been more recently owned by Seabrook. Bounded N W by Skull Creek, N E by "The Point," S E by Pine Lands and S W by Cotton Hope and Honey Horn.

"PINCKNEY ISLAND."—St. Luke's Parish, Beaufort District, So. Ca. Bounded West and N W by Mackay's Creek, N E by Broad River, S E by Skull Creek.

	Acres more or less	Valuation	Tax	Penalty	Amount
No. 1....	1000	\$4000 00	\$80 00	\$40 00	\$120 00
No. 2....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 3....	1300	5200 00	104 00	52 00	156 00
No. 4....	900	3600 00	72 00	36 00	108 00
No. 5....	600	2400 00	48 00	24 00	72 00
No. 6....	400	1600 00	32 00	16 00	48 00
No. 7....	400	1600 00	32 00	16 00	48 00
No. 8....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 9....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 10....	1100	4400 00	88 00	44 00	132 00
No. 11....	1100	4400 00	88 00	44 00	132 00
No. 12....	1100	4400 00	88 00	44 00	132 00
No. 13....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 14....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 15....	1800	7200 00	144 00	72 00	216 00
No. 16....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 17....	600	2400 00	48 00	24 00	72 00
No. 18....	700	2800 00	56 00	28 00	84 00
No. 19....	900	3600 00	72 00	36 00	108 00
No. 20....	1000	4000 00	80 00	40 00	120 00
No. 21....	300	1200 00	24 00	12 00	36 00
No. 22....	350	1400 00	28 00	14 00	42 00
No. 23....	400	1600 00	32 00	16 00	48 00
No. 24....	1500	6000 00	120 00	60 00	180 00
Pinckney Island.	2000	8000 00	160 00	80 00	240 00

A. D. SMITH,  
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Direct Tax Commissioners.

Port Royal, Jan. 31, 1863.